

REMARKS

Claims remain 1-17, 19-29, 41-43, 49 and 56-64 remain in the application. Claims 1, 19 and 49 have been amended. Claims 50-55 have been cancelled. Claims 56-64 have been added.

The applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowable subject matter and the time spent at the personal interview on March 15, 2004. In the interview, the prior art, text messaging and a reservation notification were discussed.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1-8, 10-17, 21-23, 25, 25-29, 38-40 under 35 USC 103(a) as being clearly anticipated by Walker et al. (US patent No. 6, 113, 495) in View of Internet Chat Relay.

The Examiner rejected claim 9 under 35 USC 103(a) as being clearly anticipated by Walker et al. (US patent No. 6, 113, 495) in View of Dabrowski (US Patent Number 6, 379, 346). The Applicant respectfully traverses.

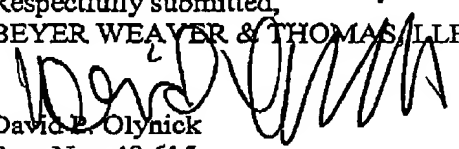
The Examiner rejected claim 20 under 35 USC 103(a) as being clearly anticipated by Walker et al. (US patent No. 6, 113, 495) in view of IRC and in view of Official Notice. The Applicant respectfully traverses.

The Examiner rejected claim 26 under 35 USC 103(a) as being clearly anticipated by Walker et al. (US patent No. 6, 113, 495) in view IRC and Fraley. The Applicant respectfully traverses.

Pending claims recite limitations in regards to the location service deemed allowable by the Examiner. The prior art cited by the Examiner does not recite these limitations. Therefore, Applicant believes the combination of prior art cited by the Examiner can't be said to render the pending claims obvious and the rejection is believed overcome thereby.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below:

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